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Appeal for Stopping the Arrest of Prof. Anand Teltumbde on 6th April 2020

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Dated: 03/04/2020

To,

The President of India

New Delhi.

Subject: Urgent Appeal for Stopping the Arrest of Prof. Anand Teltumbde on 6th April 2020.

Dear Sir,

The All India Forum for the Right to Education (AIFRTE), a platform of more than 80 organizations of teachers, students, and educational and civil rights activists drawn from more than twenty-two states across the country, has been constrained to appeal for your intervention in a matter which we believe to be deeply distressing and unfortunate in a constitutional democracy.

A highly respected and honoured member of the Presidium of our organization, Prof. Anand Teltumbde, has been targeted and humiliated over the past year and a half in what appears to be an ideologically and politically motivated case. Like him, we had also believed that this insensitive and tactless attempt to silence a powerful academic voice that has often unsettled those whom he has critically exposed, would find justice in a system that is committed to freedom of speech and to respect for the rights and liberties of individuals.

However, we are totally shocked to find that this leading academic and top-ranking management executive, totally committed to peaceful, democratic methods of expressing dissent, is now threatened with incarceration without trial for a possibly indefinite period under the draconian UAPA. A bench of the Supreme Court has seen fit to deny him anticipatory bail as demanded by the NIA to whom the case was suddenly shifted recently, despite his complete and continuing co-operation in the matter due to which he had so far been protected from arrest by the Maharashtra High Court. He has now been ordered to surrender by 6th April 2020.

The case against Prof. Teltumbde is based on totally flimsy grounds which can scarcely be considered as 'evidence', a fact that would be easily exposed if it were brought to trial. However, that is precisely what is being denied. Hence we are forced to recall in his defence his academic stature and his widely-recognized leading contribution to the development of the IT sector and the Oil and Gas sector in India.*

We are also forced to state that he belongs to the family of Baba Saheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, one of the foremost leaders of our country to whom we owe the strength and Republican character of the Constitution of modern India. It is a sad commentary on the fate of our people when the husband of Dr. Ambedkar's grand-daughter is faced with incarceration without trial for upholding his principled views in a democratic country.

Further, under the present circumstances when the CoVid-19 virus is a world-wide threat and India is in a state of complete lockdown, when convicted prisoners are being released and given parole on health grounds, it is incomprehensible that Prof. Teltumbde should be required to surrender. Even if all the factors noted above are sought to be ignored in denying him anticipatory bail, surely even in today's India, humanitarian considerations must prevail and Prof. Anand Teltumbde should not only be kept out of prison but the flimsy case against him should be dropped.

With this letter, We are also submitting AIFRTE's online petition and more than 1000 signatures of endorsements to our appeal addressed to your office for dropping charges against Prof. Anand Teltumbde and stopping his impending arrest on 6th April 2020.

We appeal to you to use your good offices to ensure that a terrible wrong is not done to an honest but courageous and principled academician.

With thanks and regards.

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*Some Important Online Sources About Prof. Anand Teltumbde:

Journal Article: "Don't Pity Anand Teltumbde, Pity the System that Incarcerates Him": https://www.google.com/url?q=https%3A%2F%2Fthewire.in%2Frights%2Fanand-teltumbde-arrest&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNFv-dAHZDIa_sHxVuyDGBJ0bVRVGA

Professional Profile: <http://aifрте.in/sites/default/files/AIFRTE%20docs/Anand%27s%20Professional%20Profile.doc>

Social Profile: <http://aifрте.in/sites/default/files/AIFRTE%20docs/Who%20is%20Anand%20Teltumbde.docx>

Enclosures:

1. Online Petition at Change.org on the Subject: "An appeal to drop charges against Prof Anand Teltumbde": <http://chnng.it/KFFdSbbL6t>
2. Signature Sheet on the above-mentioned online petition.

Copy to:

- (1) Prime Minister of India
- (2) Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI

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Dated: 04/04/2020

To,
The Chief Justice of India
New Delhi.

Subject: Supplementary to the Urgent Appeal for Stopping the Arrest of Prof. Anand Teltumbde on 6th April 2020.

Dear Sir,

The All India Forum for the Right to Education (AIFRTE) wishes to emphasize the following additional points in your consideration of the petition sent yesterday (03/04/2020) regarding the impending arrest of Prof. Anand Teltumbde:

1. The case against Prof. Teltumbde is based on some letters which have not been even recovered from him. These letters were trashed publicly by experts as fabricated, suspected by Justice Chandrachud, and are faulted for many discrepancies by the Information experts. From the examination of the documents shared so far it is quite likely that these letters were inserted by the Police. But under cover of the provisions of UAPA, he has been denied anticipatory bail and would be incarcerated for years in jail. It is a motivated misuse of the law against an innocent person like Dr Teltumbde.
2. Dr. Teltumbde is 68 years old and suffers from chronic Asthma which makes him susceptible to Covid-19 infection and a palpable threat to life.

We appeal you to give due consideration to these facts as well in your consideration of the matter. We are hopeful that your timely intervention would stop injustice that might be otherwise construed a blot on the system of the nation.

With thanks and regards.

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